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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ATTN: FBI Liaison Section

SUBJECT: Alleged Possible Technical Sabotage of United States Space Programs

1. On 10 August 1961, [redacted] telephonically advised Mr. S. Wesley Reynolds, Director, Office of Security, NSA, that a friend of [redacted] was visiting in Washington and desired to volunteer some information. [redacted] at this time gave no indication as to what the information was concerned with other than that his friend desired to talk about missiles.

2. On the morning of 11 August 1961, a representative of this Office met with [redacted] in a Washington hotel at which time [redacted] introduced his friend as [redacted] advised that [redacted] maintains an office in Washington, D. C. at [redacted]

3. [redacted] stated that there were two separate problems involving the missile and space programs of the United States Government which have bothered [redacted] for some time and which [redacted] now desired to make known to responsible high authority in the Nation's Capitol. [redacted] continued by stating that [redacted] had given the two matters serious thought and after learning of the space achievement of Soviet Maj Gherman S. Titov on Sunday, 6 August 1961, [redacted] felt obligated as an American citizen to bring this information to the right people in Washington. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] fully realized that [redacted] had obligations to [redacted] employees and the stockholders of [redacted] but was willing now to place these considerations in a secondary position because [redacted] felt possibly that the best interests of the security of the United States were involved. [redacted] further indicated that he had related these problems of concern to [redacted] long time personal friend [redacted] who in turn had suggested that Mr. Reynolds, Director of Security at the National Security Agency be advised. [redacted] interjected at this point that Mr. Reynolds would probably feel that the matter be turned over to the FBI for proper channeling.

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4. Continuing, [redacted] advised that it was well known throughout the missile "business" that Dr. Wernher von Braun and the other first generation German rocket scientists at Huntsville, Alabama, are not on good speaking terms with their American counterparts. [redacted] added that in the fall of [redacted] personally discussed the aforementioned point with the editor (name not offered) of the leading trade journal in the missile field and that the editor had concurred on that point and had said that von Braun's group in Huntsville were "prima donnas." [redacted] then stated that [redacted] opined that the second generation group of Germans are more advanced in their thinking than von Braun's group.

5. [redacted] then stated that it was necessary to relate some historical background information in order to fully grasp the significance of [redacted] first point of contention. [redacted] related that in the late 1950's the United States Air Force had been given a space assignment to develop a rocket engine capable of space flight. According to [redacted] the Air Force soon realized that they needed a rocket engine with a bigger booster to get out into space - a rocket engine more powerful than any engine then in existence for weapon missiles. Therefore, [redacted] added, the Air Force came up with the requirement of an "E1" rocket engine which was developed by the Rocket Dyne Corporation of Conoga Park, California. [redacted] stated that it is understood from various sources in the missile "business" that the "E1" rocket engine developed by Rocket Dyne was capable of 450,000 pounds of thrust. [redacted] made it clear that [redacted] personally did not have first hand facts and figures concerning the "E1" rocket engine developed by Rocket Dyne, but [redacted] knew for a fact that the "E1" existed. [redacted] added that [redacted] has discussed the "E1" rocket engine with the editor of the trade journal previously mentioned and that the editor indicated to [redacted] that he also knew of its existence and potential, but because of the sensitivity of the question involved he didn't dare print anything about it in his trade journal.

6. Continuing, [redacted] stated that two of the second generation German missile scientists now employed at [redacted] actually worked on the "E1" rocket engine at Rocket Dyne and know something of its capabilities first hand. [redacted] identified these German scientists as Max Huber, Vice-President and Chief Engineer at [redacted] and Horst Wichman, also an engineer at [redacted] subsequently telephoned Max Huber in California during instant interview and according to [redacted] Huber advised that the "E1" rocket engine was started by Rocket Dyne in 1956, was tested very successfully over one-hundred times through 1958, and needed only a few refinements for final acceptance. [redacted] further stated that Huber informed [redacted] that the "E1" rocket engine could have



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produced upwards of 435,000 pounds of thrust. [redacted] advised that the significance of the "E1" rocket engine was that it represented in 1958 approximately 50,000 more pounds of thrust than the engine used by Soviet Maj Titov in the latest Russian space achievement of Sunday, 6 August 1961.

7. Returning to the historical considerations surrounding the development of the "E1" rocket engine at Rocket Dyne, during the period from 1956 to 1958, [redacted] advised that Gen Maderas had lost his assignment as the head of ARPA as ARPA was abolished and NASA came into being. According to [redacted] Maderas refused to go to NASA and retired from the Service. [redacted] further stated that von Braun and his followers reluctantly went over to NASA in a "T'ed off" frame of mind. At the same time the Air Force was taken out of the space business and was kept strictly to military missiles. [redacted] added that as the Air Force budget was chopped the "E1" rocket engine, an Air Force space assignment, was cut off. According to [redacted] the "E1" rocket engine was built and was within one month of final completion at Rocket Dyne in Conoga Park, California in 1958.

8. Continuing, [redacted] stated that it was [redacted] understanding that the Air Force then offered the "E1" rocket engine, "a hell of a good engine," to von Braun and von Braun refused it. [redacted] added that [redacted] does not know why von Braun refused to accept the "E1" rocket engine. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] feels that the full story of the "E1" rocket engine can still be obtained from Rocket Dyne in California. [redacted] added that [redacted] believes that a report on the "E1" engine was made and was given to NASA.

9. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] spoke discreetly to a friend, who is a high official at Rocket Dyne, about one month ago and that this official indicated knowledge of the existence of the suppressed "E1" rocket engine. [redacted] declined to identify the aforementioned employee of Rocket Dyne and indicated that [redacted] intended to pursue him as a further source of information regarding the "E1." [redacted] later, during instant interview, referred to this Rocket Dyne official as [redacted] (LN not mentioned) and advised that [redacted] had told [redacted] that the "E1" is now sitting on the loading platform at Rocket Dyne in Conoga Park and further that [redacted] had verified everything [redacted] had heard about the "E1" rocket engine. [redacted] again emphasized that if the facts surrounding the "E1" were true the United States could have achieved before what the Soviet Union accomplished on last Sunday (i.e., 6 August 1961).

10. [redacted] then commented that Max Huber "really stirred it up in me" in discussing the "E1" engine and Huber told [redacted] that von Braun didn't want anything to do with the "E1" rocket engine and desired to go along with the rocket engines he had.





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11. [redacted] advised that [redacted] did not know if NASA or von Braun went out to Rocket Dyne in California to inspect the "E1" engine. [redacted] stated that [redacted] worked at one time with the Douglas Company where [redacted] had met many NASA people and had found out from the NASA personnel that they had experienced trouble in dealing with von Braun and his German followers.

12. [redacted] stated that [redacted] does not believe that von Braun and his German scientists at Huntsville are working for the Russians, but rather that they are "pig headed and stubborn."

13. [redacted] then commented that another friend of [redacted] is aware of the "E1" situation and is willing to furnish information about it. [redacted] stated that [redacted] added that [redacted] seems to keep abreast of developments in the missile field.

14. [redacted] reiterated that [redacted] did not have the "bare facts" of the "E1", but "it should be investigated." [redacted] added, "you can go to Rocket Dyne, they have an Air Force representative there and he should have the ("E1") reports."

15. [redacted] then stated "I'm mad about what the Russians did last Sunday." [redacted] added that he told "Jimmy" Roosevelt (Congressman James Roosevelt of California) the same story regarding the "E1" rocket engine at lunch last week. According to [redacted] Roosevelt stated that he could bring the "E1" matter up on the floor of the House of Representatives and ask for a full investigation, but [redacted] told Roosevelt not to do that yet as [redacted] wanted to go back to Rocket Dyne and "find out more" about the "E1". [redacted] opined the people at Rocket Dyne would be willing to talk about the "E1" engine. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] intends to keep in touch with Roosevelt. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] would be willing to relate the aforementioned story regarding the "E1" engine to Adm Frost, the Director of NSA, Mr. Allen Dulles, the Director of CIA, or Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the Director of the FBI, if any of these officials would desire [redacted] to do so.

16 [redacted] advised that the second point [redacted] wished to discuss dealt with a sound suppressor device for rocket engines that [redacted] has developed. [redacted] explained briefly in laymen's terminology that a sound suppressor is a device utilized on the launching pad which reduces the terrific heat and shock vibrations which always accompany the firing of a missile. [redacted] further indicated that the more effective a

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sound suppressor device is the greater is the chance of a successful firing from the launching pad. [redacted] indicated that the [redacted] sound suppressor he wished to talk about has reduced heat temperatures from 6000°F to only 250°F.

17. Continuing, [redacted] advised that Dr. Max Huber, Chief Engineer at [redacted] had developed a sound suppressor which he has unsuccessfully attempted to have tested by the people both at NASA Headquarters in Washington and in Huntsville. [redacted] explained further that U. S. Navy officials eventually became interested in [redacted] sound suppressor and did in fact test it on a small rocket engine in California and the tests were "very good and convincing." [redacted] added that the Navy published a report on the [redacted] sound suppressor tests and [redacted] distributed the reports both to von Braun's group in Huntsville and to Gen Ostrander's office at NASA Headquarters in Washington. According to [redacted] Gen Ostrander was interested in the results of the Navy report and about five weeks ago asked [redacted] they would test it on a full scale rocket engine. [redacted] added that Ostrander's office felt that the [redacted] sound suppressor could best be tested on the J2 test stand in Huntsville. According to [redacted] Dr. Naubert in Huntsville was subsequently contacted by Gen Ostrander and Col Heaton at NASA Headquarters and an appointment was at that time made for [redacted] to discuss the sound suppressor with the Germans in Huntsville. [redacted] stated that when [redacted] subsequently went down to Huntsville one of the officials there told [redacted] that he did not appreciate [redacted] going to NASA Headquarters in Washington with their device and why didn't [redacted] go directly to Huntsville with it? [redacted] replied that [redacted] informed the Huntsville official that [redacted] added that [redacted] could perceive that [redacted] was resented in Huntsville and further that their discussions of the potential value of the sound suppressor were at first refuted by the German scientists, but finally [redacted] overcame their refutations and Huntsville agreed to test the device.

18. [redacted] added that General Ostrander later told [redacted] that if [redacted] could complete preparations for the Huntsville testing of the sound suppressor within five months, [redacted] could have the green light. [redacted] then stated that at the request of Gen Ostrander at NASA Headquarters the engineers at [redacted] went back to California and worked around the clock for two weeks to complete their preparations on the device for the test in Huntsville. [redacted] advised that [redacted] then took their results back to Huntsville and von Braun's deputy Hermberg, was somewhat noncommittal, but advised [redacted] that he would let them





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know in one week about Huntsville's plans for testing the sound suppressor. According to [redacted] Hiemberg later called [redacted] and announced that the [redacted] sound suppressor appeared "OK", but as of instant date Huntsville has done nothing further.

19. [redacted] interjected that it is [redacted] feeling that there is "no question whatsoever" that [redacted] is getting the run around by the Germans at Huntsville. [redacted] then cautioned that the dissemination of [redacted] remarks regarding instant discussion must be carefully controlled or [redacted] may never get any business from NASA again. [redacted] then reiterated that one must remember that despite the satisfactory USN report on [redacted] sound suppressor and the "OK" given it at NASA Headquarters in Washington, [redacted] still got the "run around" on it by the Germans in Huntsville. [redacted] added that in other words NASA Headquarters in Washington has told [redacted] in so many words that NASA does not have control over Huntsville.

20. Continuing, [redacted] then stated that the Air Force has now advised the Martin Company in Denver that the Air Force has funded to help [redacted] test their sound suppressor and further that Col Heaton at NASA told [redacted] on 10 August 1961 that NASA would also help with funds. According to [redacted] Heaton also told [redacted] that he would see to it that the Germans in Huntsville would see future reports on [redacted] sound suppressor device.

21. [redacted] then reiterated that in [redacted] opinion it was "a hell of a situation" that (NASA) Headquarters here in Washington does not control Huntsville. And [redacted] added that it was likewise unfortunate that President Kennedy and the new Administration has not caught up with this situation. [redacted] further stated that officials at NASA also told [redacted] on 10 August 1961 that "they could ram it down their throat" in Huntsville (to test [redacted] sound suppressor), but before the tests were completed by the Germans at Huntsville you [redacted] "would have a long gray beard." [redacted] opined that [redacted] felt that Hiemberg, von Braun's deputy, should be investigated. [redacted] added that [redacted] did not know if Hiemberg ever passed on to von Braun the reports of [redacted] sound suppressor.

22. Continuing, [redacted] indicated that [redacted] that he had other means of creating pressures if [redacted] continues to get the "run around" on their sound suppressor.

23. [redacted] further opined that von Braun and the other German scientists today are covering up their past mistakes. After completing [redacted] long distance telephone call to Dr. Max Huber in California during instant interview, [redacted] advised that Huber had stated that von Braun had refused to use the "F1" rocket engine for three years which von Braun has now used since November 1960.

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24. In conclusion, [redacted] was asked what security classification [redacted] would assign to [redacted] comments given during instant interview [redacted] opined that [redacted] comments could be unclassified, but added that [redacted] hoped that they would be treated confidentially.

25. This information is being forwarded to your Bureau for whatever action deemed necessary.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

S. WESLEY REYNOLDS
Director of Security

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
Mr. Malone
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Gandy

TO : MR. HOOVER

DATE: 9/15/61

FROM : SAC MILNES

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT: NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

I was talking to Galen N. Willis, former SAC, who is currently with the Boeing Company in Seattle. He said that he had before him a publication of the "Current Intelligence Pipeline," which is published by the Weapons Industry Consultants, Inc., 7928 Ivanhoe Avenue, La Jolla, California.

Mr. Willis said that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is currently negotiating with various airplane companies to build the "Saturn Rocket." Apparently NASA is interested in this being built at the Michoud Ordnance Plant, east of New Orleans, Louisiana.

As a result of the intense interest on the part of the various companies to obtain this contract, those qualified to build this rocket are endeavoring to obtain control of this ordnance plant since apparently NASA wants the rocket built there.

The article referred to by Mr. Willis indicates that Wernher Von Braun at Huntsville, Alabama, who heads up NASA there, has offered this contract to J. R. Dempsey, President of General Dynamics, Inc. if Dempsey is successful in obtaining control of the Michoud Ordnance Plant.

According to Mr. Willis, the Boeing officials are quite perturbed over this article since it would appear that possibly Von Braun would be interceding on behalf of General Dynamics when as a government employee he would have no authority to do so. Mr. Willis pointed out that the knowledge which they have at Boeing indicates that the contract for this construction has not been let. Should I receive any more information about this I will let you know.

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TO DIRECTOR

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UNSUB; ANONYMOUS THREAT TO PRESIDENT AND DOCTOR WERNHER VON BRAUN, THREATS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT.

PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON

AT EIGHT THIRTYSEVEN PM ON FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, [redacted] GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA), ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [redacted] SECRETARY TO DOCTOR WERNHER VON BRAUN, TELEPHONE GOVERNMENT CODE ONE THREE DASH TWO FOUR NINE THREE EIGHT. SHE ADVISED THAT AT SEVEN FIFTY PM A MALE CALLER STATED, "UNLESS ANGELA DAVIS WAS RELEASED WITHIN TWENTYFOUR HOURS, DOCTOR VON BRAUN AND THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE ASSASSINATED." SHE STATED THAT SHE BELIEVED THE CALL WAS FROM DETROIT.

[redacted] STATED THAT HE HAD CONTACTED THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) REGARDING THIS CALL AND THEY WERE INTERVIEWING [redacted]

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AT EIGHT FIFTY PM SECRET SERVICE AGENT [redacted] WAS ADVISED OF THE FOREGOING.

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TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED AT WFO BY CLERK [redacted] WHO DISSEMINATED THE INFORMATION TO THE SECRET SERVICE.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-65714) CONFIDENTIAL DATE: 1/20/60

FROM : LEGAT, BONN (65-293)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
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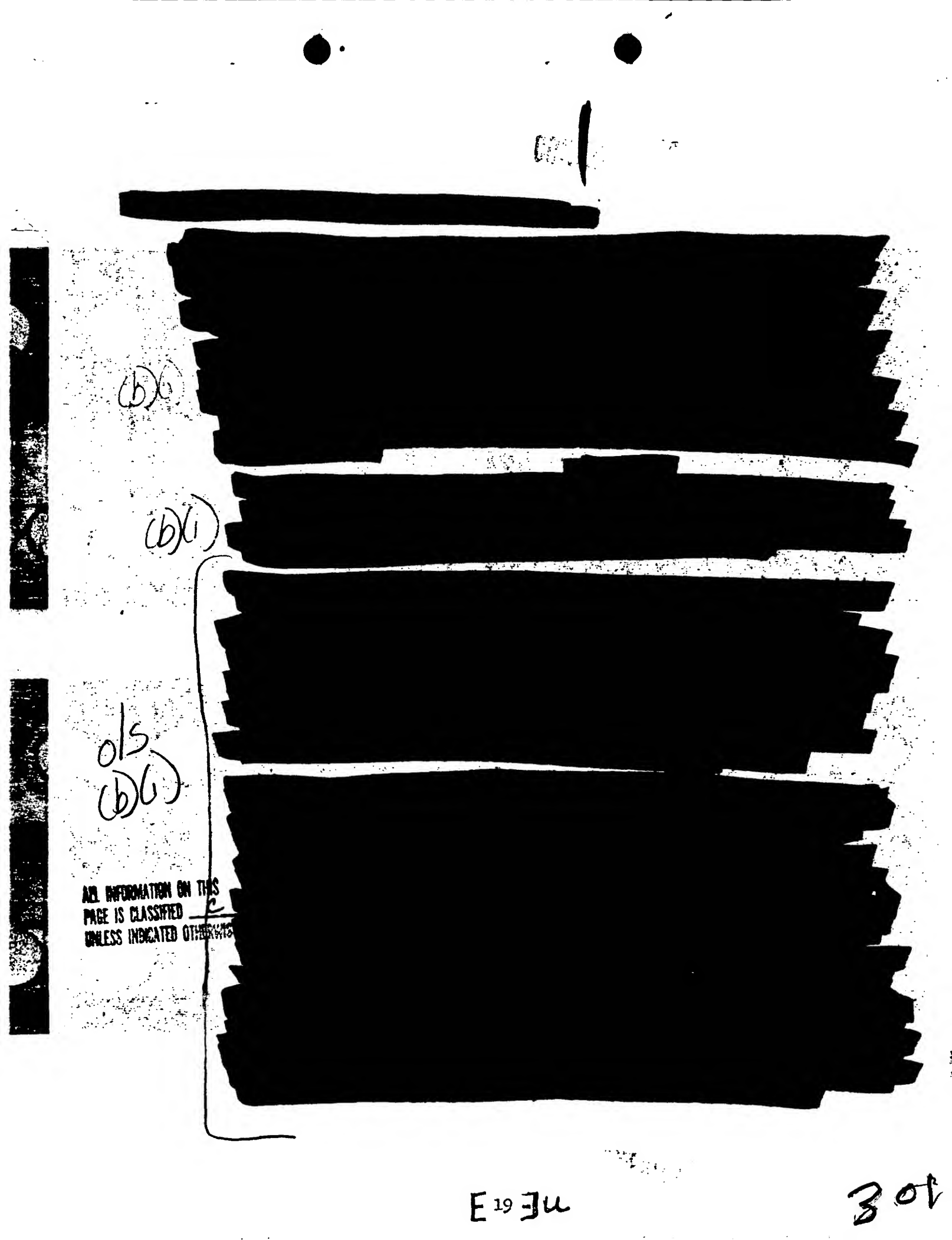
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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 29, 1960

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (65-1276)

SUBJECT: DEPAMD
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On July 26, 1960, this matter was discussed with Senior Resident Agent [redacted] Huntsville, Alabama. [redacted] said that there are approximately 130 scientists on the research team at Redstone Arsenal. These men are members of the group who came to the United States with Dr. WERNHER VON BRAUN and have remained as a group since that time. [redacted] said that he is personally and well-acquainted with about thirty of these people, and from having worked in the area for a number of years knows that many of them have close associates and relatives remaining in Germany, and many of these contacts are in the Russian-dominated zone.

He said further many of the scientists make trips to Europe to confer concerning missiles and, therefore, would be possible subjects for this type of a program. According to [redacted] VON BRAUN himself has become very Americanized and in the past has mentioned that he would try to find out about anything that is desired and would cooperate completely insofar as assisting in setting up anyone who would possibly be considered for such a program. [redacted] mentioned this specifically inasmuch as the scientists under VON BRAUN are completely under the control of VON BRAUN and generally look to him for guidance and control. They would probably consult with him regarding any such assignment, and he would, therefore, be in a very strategic position insofar as helping and guiding in the implementation.

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In conclusion, it is felt that this program certainly has considerable merit and possibilities of contacts are rather numerous although confined to the VON BRAUN team of scientists. The Bureau is assured that we will keep this program foremost in our attention and will inform the Bureau of any pertinent developments.



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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 9/26/60

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (65-2055)

SUBJECT: [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

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Rebulet to San Diego, 9/21/60.

Enclosed herewith is the original and four copies of a memorandum suitable for dissemination concerning the above captioned individual.

This case is being closed in the San Diego Division.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

San Diego 1, California
September 26, 1960

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[redacted] Convair Astronautics, a division of the General Dynamics Corporation, San Diego, California, on September 15, 1960, advised that his office had been given a letter addressed to Dr. WERNER VON BRAUN, in care of Convair Astronautics, San Diego, California. This letter carried a postmark of September 7, 1960, at Escondido, California. [redacted] stated that Dr. VON BRAUN is not employed at Convair Astronautics and the letter was forwarded to Dr. VON BRAUN in care of the Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, September 9, 1960. The letter was written in German and carried the return address of [redacted] Escondido, California. [redacted] (b)(7)(C) stated that Dr. VON BRAUN forwarded the letter from Huntsville, Alabama, to the Security Office, Convair Astronautics, San Diego, California, on September 14, 1960, and also enclosed a translation of the letter which states as follows:

"From: [redacted] 7 September 1960

[redacted]
Escondido, California
Phone: [redacted]

To:
Dr. Werhner von Braun
Director of Convair Aeronautics
San Diego, California

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Dear Dr. von Braun:

Since as far as I know you came from Germany and I do not have perfect command of the English language, I hope you will forgive me for writing to you in my native tongue.

The reason for writing to you is a case that might

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Re: [redacted]

possibly create a similar incident as the one published in the newspapers regarding the two defectors to Russia (or"traitors" as President Eisenhower called them), Bernon F. Mitchell, 31, and William H. Martin, 29.

I do not have a car, but would like to discuss with you a matter concerning a person working in your Missile Department.

I presume that this matter will be of interest to you and perhaps of importance. Please let me know by long distance call whether and when you can come to Escondido so that I shall be at home and you won't lose any time. Any hour during the day or in the evening would be all right.

Sincerely yours,

signed [redacted]

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[redacted] the reason he contacted Dr. VON BRAUN was because he knew Dr. VON BRAUN to be a prominent engineer



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in the United States missile field. [redacted] admitted that he did not know that Dr. VON BRAUN was not employed at Convair Astronautics, San Diego, California.

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FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (65-New) -RUC-

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the following:

1. Letter to [redacted] Montgomery News Messenger, Christiansburg, Va., from Dott, W. Va., dated 8-27-62, plus a article entitled "Does a clique run the Missile Business" and an editorial from Bluefield Daily Telegraph approximately March, 1960, entitled "Going Fishing".

2. Letter to [redacted] Montgomery News Messenger, Christiansburg, Va., from [redacted] Dott, W. Va., dated 2-4-63, plus a copy of letter to [redacted] from WERNHER VON BRAUN, dated 1-28-63.

2 Xerox copies made of encl. 3-11-63

3. Letter to [redacted] Va., from [redacted] Dott, W. Va., dated 2-11-63.

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4. Letter to [redacted] from [redacted] Dott, W. Va., dated 2-12-63.

Enclosed for Pittsburgh are two Photostats of each of the above letters and enclosed for WFO is one Photostat of each of the above letters.

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[redacted] first received a letter shortly after VPI had a space conference held from 8/13 - 17/62 at which the guest speaker was Dr. WERNHER VON BRAUN and [redacted] had written an article about Dr. WERNHER VON BRAUN and the space conference in the Montgomery News Messenger being somewhat critical of the utilization of Dr. WERNHER VON BRAUN in the space program since Dr. VON BRAUN was one of the originators of the German V-2 Rocket used in latter stages of World War II.

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Dott, West Virginia, August 27, 1962

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[redacted]
Montgomery News Messenger
Christiansburg, Virginia

Dear [redacted]

Thank you many times for your card and compliment. It arrived at the same time as the Messenger, and I can say that my hand was almost as shaky as Dr. von Braun's when I read it!

I gather from your last two columns that you know German a bit, or probably may even know it very well, and it happens that I know German fairly well myself, as I often write overseas to West German electronic engineers or scientists about technical papers or other work. I have at times sent some of them snapshots of my activities at White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico with the German V-2 rocket and only one of them ever bothered to mention them. The North German Radio in Hamburg found them very interesting and did me several favors. But I have never been able to get any comment from others. Hence it was important to me to read that you had found from a native German that the West German people aren't putting Dr. von Braun on a pedestal.

Speaking along this line further, I am enclosing a copy of an editorial from the local paper about a Col. N. H. Toftoy. My first cousin is office manager and a distant relative is editor of the Sunset News-Observer. How they got onto Col. Toftoy is beyond me, but I think they may have ran him off. There wasn't any news about Col. Toftoy himself in the paper, and he isn't exactly important to the area either. I think my cousin may have seen some security correspondence receipts I have here at home from Col. Toftoy while he was in the Pentagon and I was in Schenectady and Syracuse, N.Y. in 1946-1950.

I have a first cousin working for Dr. von Braun's assistant at Huntsville. His mother makes out that he is important and works near Dr. von Braun, yet has no formal education and is an electronics amateur.

Often in this area I have been asked "If I was going to be a German (sic)?" This was about my being able to read it and getting technical journals and photographic material from Dusseldorf. This puzzles me very much at times, as there must be some well-grounded and deep anti-German sentiment around in political circles. Many years ago, the Messenger was pro-Fascist itself when Mussolini was in Ethiopia. Times should have not changed this much, it would seem.

I hope that the attached outline of the early Hermes Project would give you an idea about what I meant by a "clique" running the present day missile business, and while I know you are not in this business yourself, I hope you would be better able to handle these conferences at VPI.

Hochachtungsvoll

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EDITORIAL FROM BLUEFIELD DAILY TELEGRAPH, ABOUT MARCH, 1960.

Going Fishing

One of the U. S. Army's top missile experts is retiring after 23 years of service with plans so different from those of predecessors that they merit notice.

Maj. Gen. H. N. Toftoy helped to bring in Dr. Wernher von Braun and his German rocket experts to the U. S. and oversaw much of their research. He has been closely associated with missile development since its inception and should be able to write volumes about events and people. He says he is not mad at anybody and will do no lambasting or writing of books.

He is going fishing. This won't get him headlines or royalities, but it is certain to have other compensations.

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Dott, West Virginia, February 11, 1963

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Dear [redacted]

In reply to your very kind letter of February 10, I wish to affirm that I had expected a reply from you as to certain other columns and editorials that had appeared in this area about the scientists and engineers that had been a part of the original team of experts that established the German V-2 rocket and Dr. Wernher von Braun and his group in this country.

You do not often get the sort of letters that I have written to you, and neither do you get the viewpoints that I manage. Hence, from this stand I have been most anxious to press you again for an explanation of your ideas and continued silence towards my other letters.

I simply do not have to remember which exact words you used in the column that appeared under your name in the Montgomery News Messenger, as I certainly do not take offense at what is printed. I simply do not, and I repeat, not, take on about any remarks you made about Dr. von Braun. I do not know Dr. von Braun in person, I have never met him, I have never even seen him from a distance, I have not had anything to do with him in the past, since 1945 or so, when he came to this country.

Neither do I care whether Dr. von Braun hears of any comments I may have made, as I am always eager and glad to demonstrate my viewpoints. It would interest you to know that I have a letter in the files of The Honorable Mrs. Elizabeth Kee, Member of Congress from West Virginia, protesting against letting so much of our space and missile business be run by Dr. von Braun and a Dr. Willard H. Pickering, who runs the Jet Propulsion Laboratories of the California Institute of Technology. This JPL group was founded by the late Dr. Th. von Karman, a simple mathematician in Pasadena, and is now a government facility, as is the Marshall Space Center at Huntsville. I also have another letter in Mrs. Kee's files, which she sent off to the House Space Committee last fall while she was sick and suffering from exhaustion, in which I had protested against letting the famed Venus probe, the Mariner Project, be run by a Jack N. James. Mr. James is Project Manager of that experiment, and used to work for me in Schenectady. His first try caused a $18,500,000 flop at Cape Canaveral last summer, and not only was I angry about it, I was also angry that I had never known that Mr. James had landed such a lucrative position, as he had just called me on the 'phone two years earlier about some sort of errand I had set him to that he refused to do for me out there in Pasadena. I have other friends at work at JPL, and my first cousin is under Dr. von Braun at Huntsville, and has been since 1951.

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all rocket research, development and production work for those rockets that were to have a range of 500 miles or more, and that the Army and the Navy groups were limited thusly to rocket development for ranges under 500 miles, and that perhaps, which are my own sentiments, we were to remain at White Sands and would not get to the promised lulu-land of Banana River in Florida.

Some of us were scared of flying so much. One year I flew 25,000 miles on American Airlines between New York, El Paso, Buffalo, and return. Some insurance companies draw a line at it somewhere. To be able to get down to a furing at Wallops Island, Va. or even at Canaveral, was a dream. Sometimes our crates of equipment were reported in Los Angeles by mistake (probably there to be pried open and spied on by Howard Hughes).

In all this time, and from every standpoint, nothing what-so-ever was heard from Dr. von Braun and group at Ft. Bliss. We never saw any reports from him, neither did we see him around. Nothing was heard of him. Sometimes I think that he may have functioned on a very high level inside the Federal government laboratories all the time. If he did, we had a mess from him on liquid fueled engines.

I have never seen any reports written by the Eades group at VPI. I have never heard of any important developments at VPI. I have no reason to see why there should be any space meetings at VPI either.

Hence, when the second conferance at VPI was heard of, and that Dr. von Braun was to attend, I did not care about it one way or another. We had been taking the Montgomery News Messenger for a while for other reasons, as we have many, many relatives in Christainsburg and Pulaski. When you wrote that "this sorry specimen of the master race...." ..."hand shaking like the bouncing ball of Mitch Miller's...." ....".....steep air currents over Blacksburg mountain ...doubt if Dr. von Braun could have navigated them....."...., don't you think you also said Braun was the German word for "brown?"

It has been a good many years since Hiss, Oppenheimer, Chambers, and even Mussolini. Do you know that the Montgomery News Messenger used to be pro-Fascist?

I repeat, that I have letters on file in Mrs. Kee's office protesting against letting Dr. von Braun and Dr. Pickering run so much of our space business. I forgot to mention that Dr. Pickering is a naturalized New Zealander, that Dr. von Braun is a naturalized German. I see no reason for this, and I simply don't care what I say about it, it is on record in the government. I believe I am sensible enough to get much recognition from West German engineers, and as you say, or did you, "that the German people aren't putting Dr. von Braun on a pedestal."

You said that.

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In summary, it is often noted that large corporations have been known to add retired military men to their staffs for obvious reasons when defense contracts are involved, for other reasons when sentimental notions are at play. There is nothing that can be done about it, and the only effect that it has is to continue the policies and politics that were in effect at war time. Nothing succeeds in a war except victory, though, and we can't win any war with the kind of military planning we have had. We have had three complete changes in our weapons systems since the Korean War, which did not go so well with us, and led to the dismissal of Gen. Macarthur.

The planning that has led to the successes of the Morgan Jews under Macarthur, Hoover, McCarthy, Mundt, Goldwater, Taft, and so on has been exposed as nothing but the wretched hotel gang of the streets of New York City. This panic in the country over the inept leadership of McElroy, Roy Johnson, Medaris, etc. is real, it is not so enjoyable either. Everywhere you turn you can see the Lionel Train Co., Medaris, Cohn, Shine, Goldwater, Sokolsky, Herbert Hoover, Macarthur, etc. If we have to be led by this sensational bunch of Morgan Jews, how can we win a war, or a victory?

Each time there is unrest and uncertainity among the very poor in West Virginia, it can be traced to the GOP leadership, which does not function under its own ideas of what is good for business, it takes orders from the Mundt or Taft headquarters in Cincinatti as to what to say. West Virginia will continue its very own desperate economic plight until it is able to throw off and choke the grip of the Air Force planners, who were given credit by many writers for Cecil Underwood's smashing victory 6 years ago. These Air Force planners wrecked the Army Ordance rocket business, our office was ruined by the forays of Howard Hughes from Hamo-Hughes-Whinnery-Woodridge. Hughes gave money to Richard Nixon, so did Alton W. Jones. Underwood was Nixon's choice for a running mate at first. Now how does this go:

> Richard Nixon was shunned by Eisenhower. All Nixon did was do the Hiss case. They can't keep Hiss down. Inslermann worked on in our offices long after he was disclosed by the Reader's Digest. Nixon couldn't convince anybody he was sincere. The press smeared Nixon, and he lost. Pearson even says Nixon ran arms against this country for Cuba. Summerfield supported Harry Hoffa, who strikes missile bases. Why isn't Nixon in jail? Why didn't Inslermann get fired when he was disclosed? Why didn't Porter do anything about it? Was he too afraid already? Why was Porter scared after the Vanguard failures in 1957-1958. Why does von Braun keep on hammering at the theme that we would be first if we had used the Jupiter for satellite launchings in 1956?

It would indeed be very nice if we would return to a level of reason in this country that was so aptly described by West Germany's Gestermaier, who may get to be the next German Kanzler, who said: "...a return to a level of reason where hate, racial feelings, treason are denounced as lunacy as they once were in normal times."

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February 11, 1963

Each time there has been a space meeting at VPI, there have been corresponding space feats by the Soviets at the exact time. This has the effect of making those on the ground feel and look silly.

There has been nothing more or less silly than the sensation of reading about learned presentations of learned papers by learned engineers while Soviet engineers roar overhead on 24-hour trips around the world or launch not one, but two satellites at one time.

Nothing has been more or less silly, and nothing can be moe or less silly than have it happen again in 1963.

In other words, after you get your senses focused on it, it is exactly silly that the present space program is silly too. It is not unlikely that the next space meeting will be attended by Soviet launchings of a large satellite with a dairy cow on board to provide fresh milk for the Russian astronauts on board too.

You also made reference to something like "lunatics," or "lunarties" in your column. I do not take offense at your remarks at these coinages, but they may not please my good friend Cliff Cummings, who is Head of the Lunar Explaratory Program of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. That is to say, this would not please Mr. Cummings if I attempted to slight him by indiscriminate use of such words without making certain that I had not intended to slight him personally.

You did not make clear to all of us concerned that you were quoting from another column, that you felt encouraged to attack Dr. von Braun for the reason that others had done so, that you were just fooling around, that you didn't care one way or another what you said.

I do not care one way or another what you said about Dr. von Braun, and I have said more than you have, I suppose, though I have never said anything about him in such disparaging terms. I do not use them, and I am glad I don't. When I say something, it is because I resent having to stay up all night in a blinding snowstorm in Schenectady just to fix up the German V-2 antenna radio system in a hurry for the Whirlwinds group, and catch cold.

I should think that you would draw much comfort from my advice that if you are going to say something and mean it, be sure you have had the experience in it, so people will know that you're sincere and not looking for a pundit for your writing.

Never mind about Dr. von Braun. They're all mad because my cousin got married and she had $30,000,000 a year coming in through the Cutter Labs, as she is [redacted] I'm working on the thalidomide scandal through West German translators in Aulendorf, and Sen. H. Humphrey. They say that Nixon-Hiss was "dog eats dog." You can eat Dr. von Braun, as I don't care.

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Yours very truly,

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C O P Y

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
George C. Marshall Space Flight Center
Huntsville, Alabama

In reply refer to:
M-DIR

Jan. 28, 1963

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Mott, West Virginia
[redacted]

I have your kind letter telling of your work on the radio antenna system on the V-2 rocket when you were with Dr. Richard Porter's project in Schenectady from 1946 to 1950.

I am not familiar with the scurrilous statements to which you allude in the particular newspaper to which you refer. I agree with you that I have no idea as to the basis of any such statements if they were made, and I am thick-skinned enough to say that I really don't care, even if they were made. Years of direct exposure to the Hitler regime and its excesses taught me a few unforgettable lessons and made me solidly opposed to any form of government which would deprive man of human dignity. I think it is quite fitting that the envelope of your letter bore stamps with a wonderful quotation from Abraham Lincoln: "Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves."

Concerning the space feats of the Soviets with regard to conferences at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, I can only say that based upon the laws of chance and probability, they would be absolute coincidences.

Please know that I appreciate your letter and interest.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

( gez. )

Wernher von Braun
Director

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Dott, West Virginia, February 4, 1963

[redacted]
Montgomery News Messenger
Christainsburg, Virginia

Dear [redacted]

You may recall that I had written to you several times last fall in regard to your comments about the missile scientist Dr. Wernher von Braun from Huntsville, Alabama, who was on a scientific program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute at that time. I also explained that I myself was on the German V-2 rocket research and development program in this country, and that the first rocket ever fired from Cape Canaveral was one that carried radio antennas designed and developed by me for it.

I also explained that I had been familiar with the work of Gen. H. N. Toftoy of the Ordnance Department, who had gone to Europe and brought back Dr. von Braun and his staff with him to this country and installed them in research facilities located at Ft. Bliss, Texas, which is just north of El Paso, Texas, and not far from the White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico.

I have not ever been even remotely successful in getting a statement from you as to why you made such sarcastic remarks about Dr. von Braun personally. I clipped your columns from the newspaper and sent them up to the office of Dr. Richard W. Porter of the General Electric Company at 570 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y., who was active with Gen. H. N. Toftoy in Germany, and who later headed much of this country's original rocket research activity. He replied that he did not know much about it, I am afraid I would have to state, though he did not refer directly to them in his reply.

Lately I took up this matter with Dr. von Braun himself, who wrote me the reply that is copied and attached to this letter. After reading it, you can see that I am advised that I can admire a thick skin.

I trust that you will make some sort of reply to my letter.

Yours very truly,

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Dott, West Virginia, February 12, 1963

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Dear [redacted]

Just yesterday I had some correspondence with [redacted] the Montgomery News Messenger, [redacted] though I do not know. [redacted] mentioned your name and position [redacted] that you read his column some also. He also mentioned that you had much to do with the space conferences in Blacksburg, like the one last summer that was addressed by Dr. Wernher von Braun from Marshall Space Center in Huntsville.

At the time that Dr. von Braun was in Blacksburg, [redacted] had already appeared with several biting comments about Dr. von Braun, and I do not exactly disagree with [redacted] at this or any other time. The next column of [redacted] also had certain references to Dr. von Braun, which were hardly ones that would be called praising, but still I simply do not care to say that I have disagreed with [redacted] either.

I was one of the original research engineers on the German V-2 rocket itself from 1946-1950, while I was in Schenectady with the General Electric Company, which firm I worked for from 1943-1950. Many of the leaders in the space field, like Dr. von Braun, Dr. W. H. Pickering, Dr. R. W. Porter, Dr. Simon Ramo, and many, many others are actually old friends of mine. The first rocket ever fired at Cape Canaveral was a V-2 with certain antennas developed by me for it. I was on the development of radar, telemetry, command and guidance equipment, chiefly antennas, for the Hermes A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, B-1, the Honest John and WAC Corporal missiles. Most of the antennas at White Sands from 1946-1953 approximately were built by myself.

From this considered viewpoint, I was desirous of finding out just exactly what lay behind [redacted] attitude towards Dr. von Braun personally, and after some time had gone by and I was not able to draw a reply from [redacted] I sent a scanty recollection of his column to Dr. von Braun himself - as I have a first cousin on Dr. von Braun's personal staff in Huntsville - and drew Dr. von Braun's ire on the column.

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First of all, you must realize that there are 450 organizations throughout the world that are devoted to a revival of a Fascist state inside Germany, and these are known to the present government of Germany located in Bonn. Secondly, there are some of these in Virginia, probably around Arlington, and some of these have received open support from the state government of Virginia until recently. It is not my desire to quarrel with these pro-German groups, who are interested in a nationalistic socialist state, since they are rather Fascist in nature, and inclined towards dissolution of the small town local governments inside Virginia. Probably nothing interests these people more than to get rid of the Christainsburg Police Department, for an example, since it did much to catch and precipitate the Bluefield, W. Va. police scandals by a fortunate

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February 12, 1963

However, it does not remain fruitful to pursue these Fascist groups at this time, not to attempt to write history with this item of Mr. Owen's. I was actually more interested in the space conferences themselves, which Mr. Owen relates that you arranged.

The most interesting fact about them was that each of the past two conferences at Blacksburg has been attended by astounding Soviet space feats at exactly the same time and indeed, at almost the same hour. These space feats had the notable effect of making everyone on the ground feel and look completely silly in the eyes of other observers. My foremost and complete experience and achievement in the space research field cannot let me believe anything else. There is no way of convincing me that the 1961 conference on re-entry problems looked absolutely and fully silly to all concerned when the Soviets went by overhead on a 24-hour trip. Likewise, the 1962 conference was attended by a similiar Soviet feat, a two-man launching.

To anyone in the least way familiar and acquainted with geophysical espionage and stage plays, this timing is not pure chance and coincidence as Dr. von Braun recently wished me to believe. I am not swayed by Dr. von Braun's charm and German manners. I know German better than most Germans, and I have even been denounced for my personal scheming inside Germany at the present time, which was done merely to get a 35mm. film photo enlarger at a wholesale discount!

I have had snapshots on display in the lobby of the Broadcast House in Hamburg, and in a photo club in Düsseldorf. I maintain a huge correspondence with West German radio engineers and scientists in the antenna field.

Seeing that I am not overwhelmed by Dr. von Braun, I wish to state that these conferences may be stages against which the Soviets demonstrated their space might in the best and most powerful way that they could, by actual timing and coincidence. Whoever they sought to convince, I do not know. There are ways of getting only a partial conviction across whenever they do not have complete control. Cuba is one example, there are others in South America, and their attendance at these conferences and subsequent belief that the Soviets were better could not have had a more telling success when the Russian satellites went by on a 24-hour trip. From the American side - nothing but papers, papers, etc. Then when the actual Glenn nose cone was built, it was built by Dr. E. U. Condon, whose wife had gotten him and herself in trouble with the FBI over a Yugoslavian embassy party dinner remark in Washington, and from all accounts in the press, and these are all I have to go by, the work of Dr. Condon was poetic justice against his accusers in Washington.

I cannot pursue this line of debate and speculation very far without much further encouragement. I hope that you will speculate on it some, and lend your support to the no-coincidence theory in opposition to Dr. von Braun's dismissal of it as pure chance. Of course, if it happened again in 1963, we could get him fired for it.

I built the antennas for the first layout of the radio guidance system used to put Col. Glenn into orbit last year, which was the Mod III and Mistram system built up later on by my old friends Richard Shetler and Dr. L. J. Neelands. The Telstar and other satellites used the 960 megacycle band I opened for this work in 1947 with W2XUF and AMEW/2/3 in Schenectady. I am a direct descendant of the Taylors, Elliotts, Howes, Shufflebargers, etc. from Shawsville. Yours very truly,

[redacted]

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Date: November 12, 1959

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (7-0)

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WERNHER VON BRAUN - VICTIM;
POSSIBLE KIDNAPING; SABOTAGE

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Re Pittsburgh airtel dated 10-22-59.

At 9:20 P.M., 10-28-59 Dr. VON BRAUN was located by SA [redacted] He advised details of this matter had already been furnished him by CIC, Redstone Arsenal. He understood FBI could not furnish him with any guards, and he agreed to contact Agent should he receive any further information indicating he might be kidnaped.

In talking to Dr. VON BRAUN he referred to [redacted] as a pilot with whom he has flown on several occasions. He did not know his first name and could not indicate where he could be located. He did advise, however, [redacted] had been contacted by the CIC.

It was apparent that Dr. VON BRAUN considered this whole matter in a non-serious attitude and said he was of the opinion the individual who reported this matter originally to the CIC was mentally affected.

DR. VON BRAUN's description is as follows:

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| Sex: | Male |
| Age: | 47 |
| Height: | 5' 11" |
| Weight: | 190 pounds |
| Hair: | Blond, curly |
| Complexion: | Light |
| Nationality: | German |
| Citizenship: | American (naturalized) |
| Marital status: | Married, wife, Marie; children: Iris, age 9<br>Margaret, age 7 |

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The enclosed brochure was received by a private citizen of the United States in an envelope postmarked London S.W.1., Great Britain, November 22, 1966. [redacted] (b)(1)

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NOTE: On January 18, 1967, Birmingham made available a brochure entitled "Another Two Controversial Books in 1967" which was received by Mr. Wernher Von Braun of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Huntsville, Alabama. This brochure was distributed by a new publishing company "Fact and Fiction Ltd.," in London, England, and contained advertisements for two new books, one dealing with purported evolution of Great Britain into a communist nation by 1972 and the other a fictional work based on the death of President Kennedy. A copy of this brochure is being sent to the Legal Attache in London [redacted] (S)

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TO : Director, FBI
Attention: Central Research

DATE: 1/18/67

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (100-0)

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SUBJECT: FACT & FICTION LTD.
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Submitted herewith is an envelope postmarked London S.W.1., Great Britain, 11/22/66, addressed to Mr. WERNHER VON BRAUN, P. O. Box 6822, Huntsville, Ala. Enclosed in the envelope is a booklet, which appears to have been prepared by FACT & FICTION LTD., and advertises books published by that company entitled "Prime Minister On Trial" and "Mr. President."

This material was made available by [redacted] Inspector, Inspection Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Huntsville, Ala. [redacted] advised that he had ascertained that neither Dr. von BRAUN nor the Public Affairs Office of NASA-MSFC has any further details on the subject, nor are they aware of the manner in which Dr. von BRAUN's name and address may have been obtained by the sender.

This material is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and no investigation is being conducted by Birmingham, UACB.

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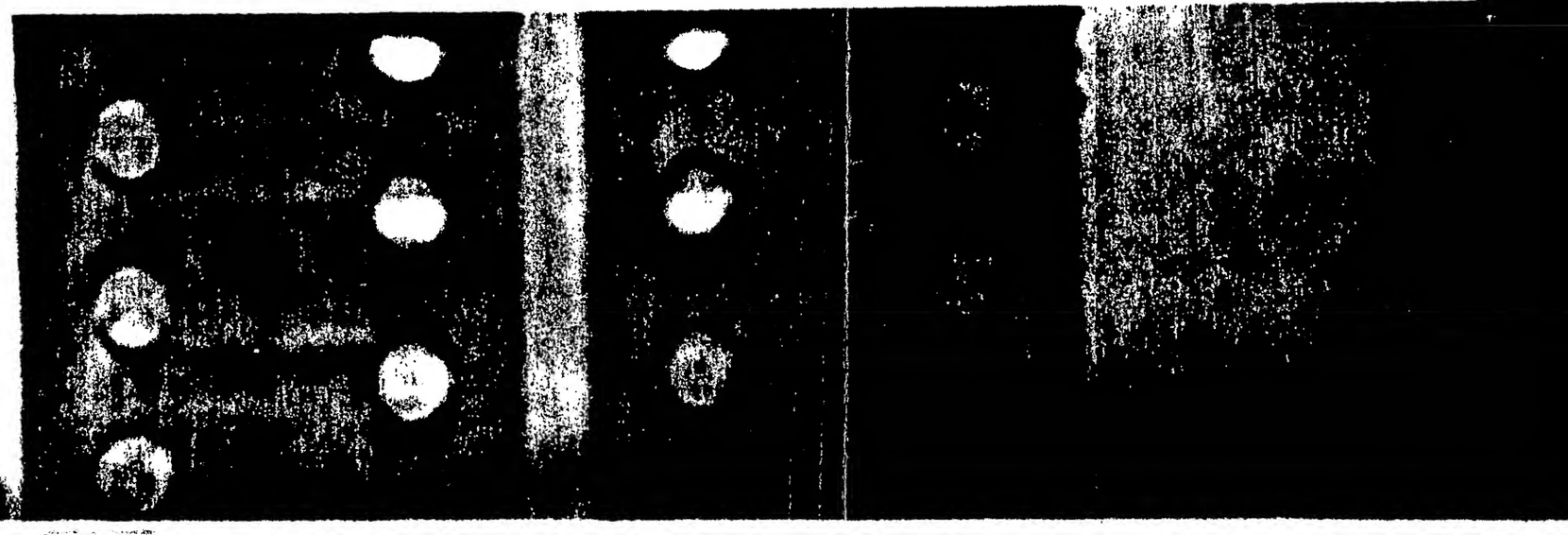

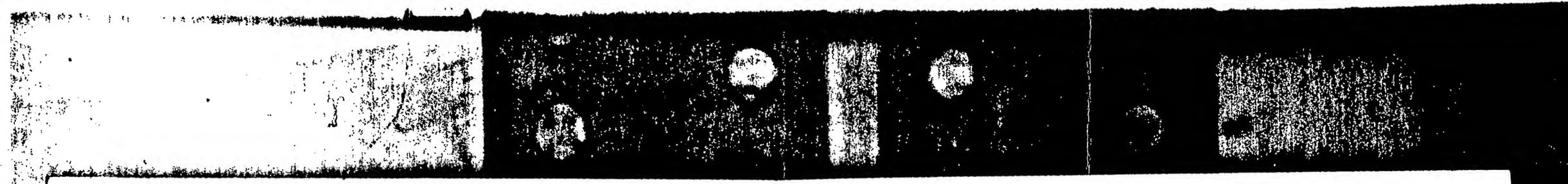

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*Vice President 1972*

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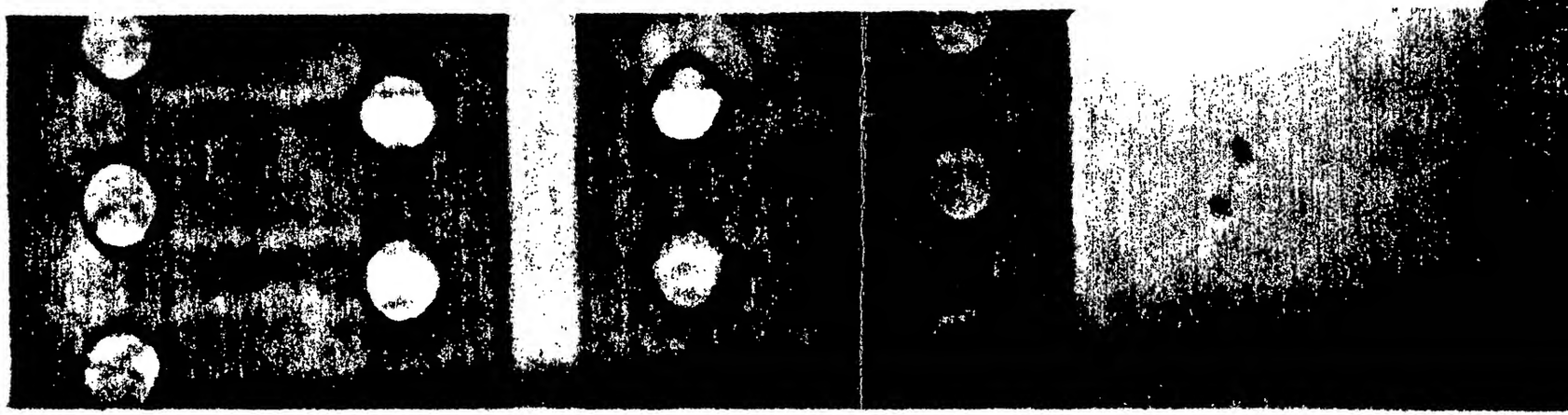

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**1967** Greater indirect Chinese participation in Vietnam end of 1966. Direct Chinese participation in March.
USA promotes new World Trade financing agreement.
Plan linked with price of gold to create greater liquidity.
Soviet Union enjoys technological successes in space travel.
US President promotes gigantic new campaign in the Far East.
Launches military and political manoeuvres in attempt
to combat Chinese activity.

**1968** Women begin new era — achieve political prominence.
Common Market negotiations reach advanced stage.
New gas/oil discoveries in the Middle East.
Japan enjoys wave of prosperity.
Another successful US space flight in June.
Autumn Election USA bitterly fought.
Johnson defeated by Republicans.

**1969** Peace in Vietnam. Victory for Vietcong and China.
Russians land first man on the moon.
Outstanding economic and industrial development in China.
Heightened prestige for China — admitted to United Nations.
Acute political and economic stresses in USA all year.
France adversely affected economically by British Revolution.
Moves rapidly leftward from de Gaulle.
Commonwealth continues to break up.
Canada, Australia and New Zealand take up close military
and economic link with USA in October.
British territories in danger of take-over — Gibraltar,
Aden, Hong Kong and Falkland Islands.
Slump in South Africa. Proposed Federation with Rhodesia.
Increased agitation — political and racial disturbances.

**1970** Australia becomes a Republic.
USA catches up in space race.
Successful moon flight. Period of improved prestige for USA.
South Africa's political difficulties increase
because of failure of sterling.
Gold and diamond markets transferred to Continent -- Paris.
Common Market reorganised. France's position strengthened.
Middle East oil treaties revised with British Companies.
Marine agriculture and mining starts on a large scale.
Sea water used for massive world-wide irrigation projects.

**1971** US becomes involved in another war.
General anti-government movement develops.
USA sailing into period of difficult and prolonged crisis.
British political and economic events adversely
affect American economy.
This produces political difficulties and trade recession.
Political demonstrations sympathetic to new Left-Wing
British nation. Acute race riots throughout USA.
Power of coloured people increasing steadily.
Resurgence of Negro organisations.
Scene set for Civil War in 1980s.
South American States revolt against continued
US economic domination.
US citizens repatriated and military situation is tense.
Significant year for Soviet Union which takes the political
and technical initiative away from US.
Also makes further amazing breakthroughs in space travel.
Russia's productivity and prosperity catch up with USA.
Franco régime ends in Spain. Powerful swing to Left
with Russian help.

Exciting technological advances touch our everyday lives.
Change-over from petrol engines to electric units.
Major scientific breakthrough into the processes
of the human brain.
Significant strides taken in the communication of thought.
New treatments are evolved for mental illnesses.
At UN major shift of power. US loses dominating position.
Transfer of UNO headquarters to Europe under consideration.

**1972** Economic upswing on a world-wide scale.
World Trade flourishes.
Calmer political atmosphere generally.
But in the USA continued political stresses
including political violence. Acute colour problem.
Negroes gain tremendous strength and greater confidence.
General withdrawal from overseas
of US military and political commitments.
America again becomes isolationist.
Canada experiences acute economic problems as a result
of this policy and the withdrawal of American capital.
A movement starts which results in unified Germany 1977.
Beginning of Federation of South American States
due to political stresses and events of 1971.
The Established Churches of the world fall apart.
They make way for a new spiritual movement.
Amazing new archaeological discoveries are made.
Many technical advances achieved.
Printing processes become fully automated.
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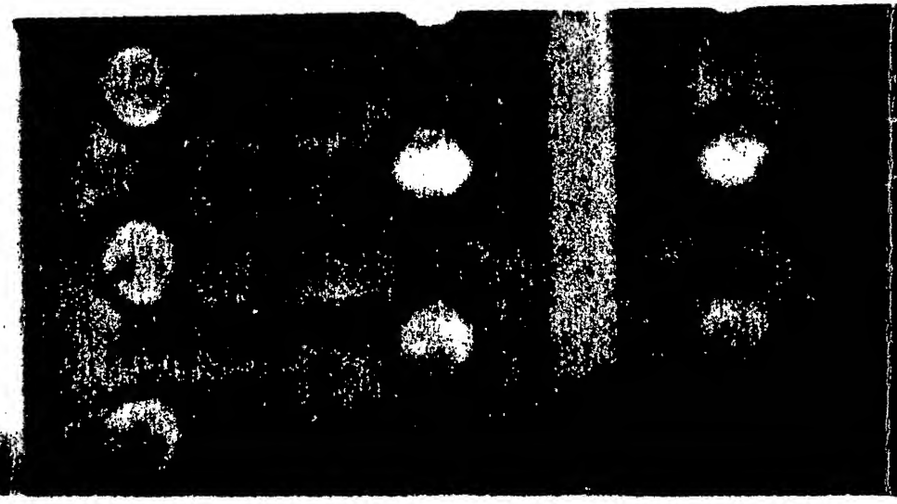


# Some FACTS from the book

## IN BRITAIN

**1967** Unmistakable signs of a Revolution in Britain.
Political, economic, industrial agitation.
Anti-Government activity by young people increases.
Legal wage restraint results in continuous labour disputes.
Strikes in early February, early April, early August.
Government measures flaunted. Trade Unionists imprisoned.
Government passes emergency legislation in April and June.
Political crisis for PM as Cabinet revolt develops in April.
Government discusses creating Labour Corps because of unemployment but this is not acceptable to the unions.
British Forces go into action in the Far East.
Cabinet reshuffle in November. PM injured in accident.
Also involved in political violence in December.
Political and industrial agitation grow.
Public resentment mounts against increased controls, increased taxation, lower standards of living.
The capitalist system in Britain is soon to be shattered.

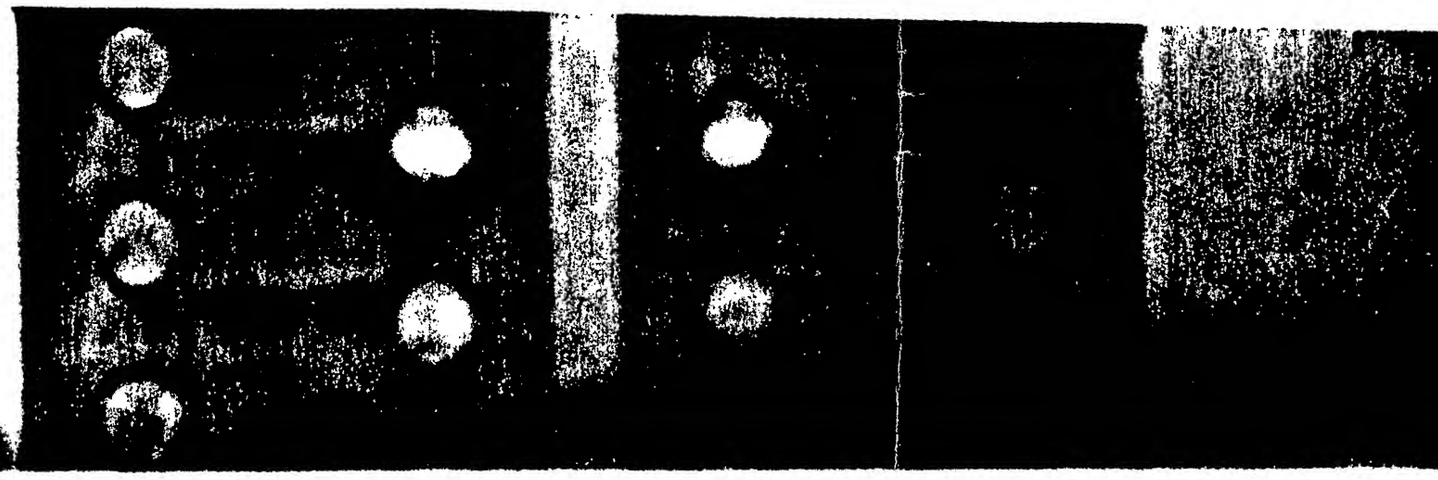
**1968** Fall in Government's authority.
Chaos throughout nation.
New Year begins with major strikes. More strikes in May.
PM continually under attack and suffers political eclipse.
Signs of the Commonwealth beginning to break up.
Economic situation deteriorates. Increasing controls.
Parliamentary power moves to the Left with impact.
New Left-Wing Prime Minister emerges in September.
Committed to massive social and industrial reform.
The removal of wage restrictions brings drastic inflation.
Alarm develops over repayment of 1965 US/European loans.
Political tension increases as radical policies are put into practice.
Revolution on the way. Nothing can stop it coming now.

**1969** Left-Wing measures prove indigestible to American and Continental capitalists.
Financial support withdrawn — creating state of acute national crisis. Rationing begins.
Trade Unionists struggle with Parliamentary idealists.
Final outcome in August — Revolution in Britain.
Emergence of group called Trade Union Revolutionary Council.
Phase of non-parliamentary rule till May 1972.
British troops in the Far East desert and return home in massive numbers.
Prince Charles comes of age but UK declared a Republic.
Buckingham Palace becomes national museum. Entrance 6d.
Queen unwilling to go abroad. Demand for her departure.
Queen forced to leave for New Zealand December 1969.
Major reform of legal system brings much greater equality.
Press censorship enforced. Newspapers requisitioned by TURC.
Former Right-Wing Labour Prime Minister on Trial with others for anti-socialist policies.

**1970** First year after Revolution.
Period of national distress.
Massive reorganisation as new social order is created.
Political and economic stress as US/Europe apply pressures.
Greater rationing, tighter controls, heavy unemployment.
Large-scale emigration. Crippling taxation for the rich.
City finally capitulates. Stock Exchange closed down.
The wealthy struggle for survival.
Attempt to transfer goods, money and buy property abroad.
TURC puts ruthless stop to outflow of capital assets.
Church of England disestablished under new system.
All church assets confiscated.
Final break-up of Commonwealth. End of very difficult year.

**1971** Britain is finally through her period of national crisis.
Everyone adjusting to new and enlightened social order.
Far-reaching changes inaugurated in the educational system.
New curricula evolved. New automated teaching systems.
Good-bye to the public school tie for ever.
Equal educational opportunities now for everyone.
Fleet Street reorganised to serve the new Britain.
Press take-overs. Some national newspapers closed down.
Acute crises in transport leads to new era in travel.
Concord and Jumbo change way of life on this planet.
Distant travel now at a cost everyone can afford.
End of year — things looking up, brighter prospects all round.

**1972** A Happy New Year for the nation.
New energies released.
Long-awaited people's prosperity is here at last.
Britain enjoys great political and economic resurgence.
Automation. Positive changes in working conditions.
Standard 4-day week. One month's paid holiday for everyone.
Vast improvement for pensioners and retired workers.
Greater social security and benefits for all.
Building expansion proceeds on gigantic scale.
Prefabrication methods meet everybody's requirements.
Enormous, unprecedented improvement in housing conditions.
Construction begins on Covent Garden Centre for world peace.
TURC tasks accomplished. New status for workers.
One-party representatives elected.
End of year — beginning to prosperity in 1973, 1974, 1975.
The Revolution now a success. The old days gone for ever.
The New Britain is here. Times have changed for the better.



# Revolution in three stages

## 1 The crack-up 1967

The Establishment, the Tories and the old order continue to lose influence and authority.
Right-Wing Labour also becomes 'old hat'.
British public resent repressive legislation.
Wage Freeze results in dissatisfaction, unemployment, strikes, labour disputes.
Trade Unionists are imprisoned.
Conscription of men for Vietnam.
Right-Wing Labour loses support and cannot regain it.

## 2 Growing chaos 1968

More controls, more squeeze, growing resentment.
Prime Minister fights for survival and loses battle.
Labour Left take over Parliamentary Party.
New Prime Minister announces radical policies.
Nationalisation of land, banks, insurance and major industries takes place.
Growing struggle between:
Whitehall and Government, City and Government.
Labour Left Government suffocated by economic difficulties, Whitehall and City.

## 3 Workers Revolution 1969

Trade Union realists dissatisfied and impatient with Labour Left idealists.
Struggle for power within Labour Movement begins.
Labour Left Government unable to enforce their will and to break power of Whitehall and City.
Rationing of food, clothing and essential materials.
Frequent organised marches on London by unemployed and strikers.
One hundred thousand from Midlands and the North descend on Parliament Square.
Sudden clash with police sparks violence in crowd.
Westminster, Whitehall, Downing Street and City taken over by workers unexpectedly.
Trade Union Revolutionary Council established in power.
TURC gains control of the whole country.
Capital frozen, dividends stopped, class distinctions and unearned privileges disappear.
Nation reorganised along new social order.

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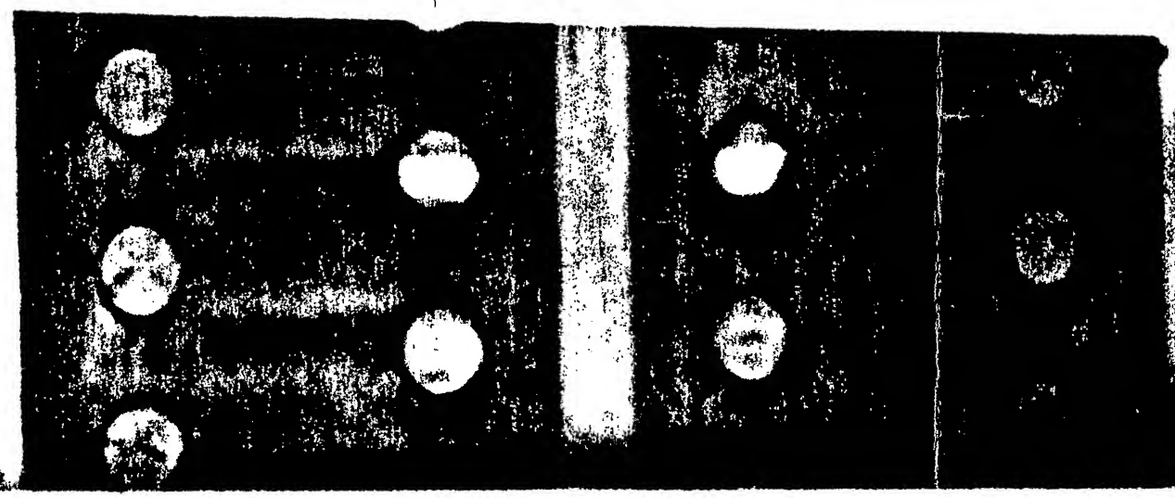

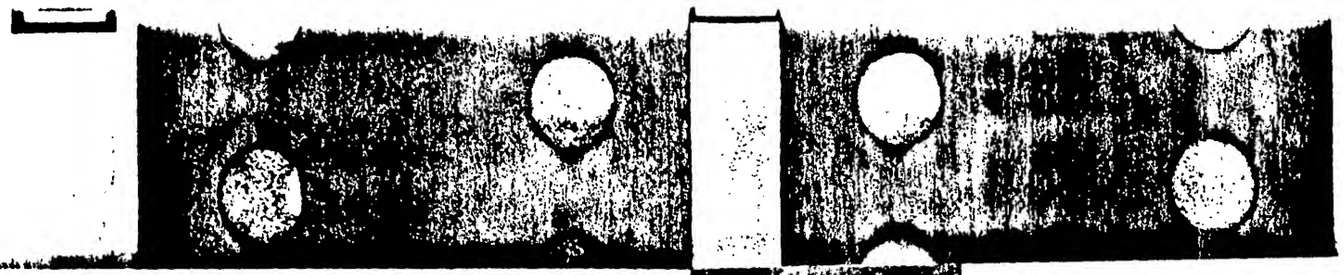

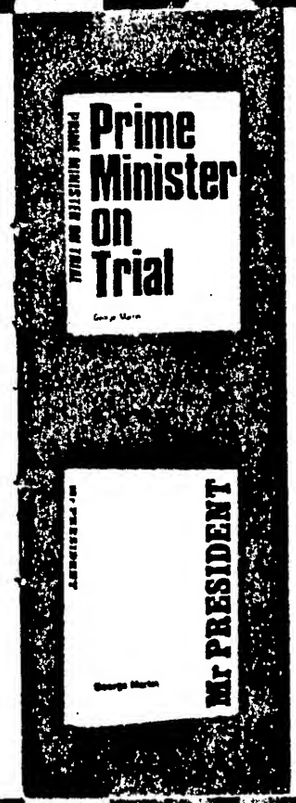


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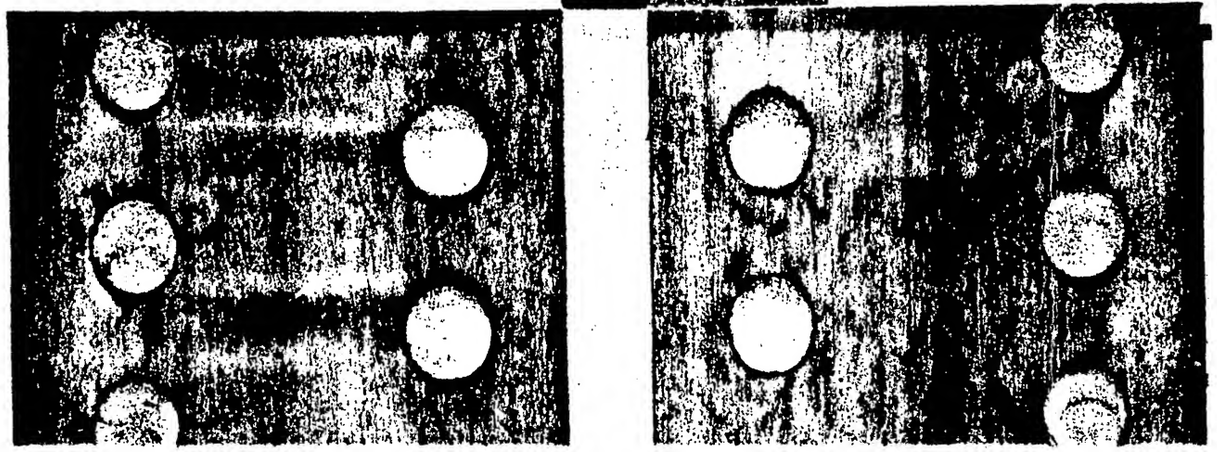

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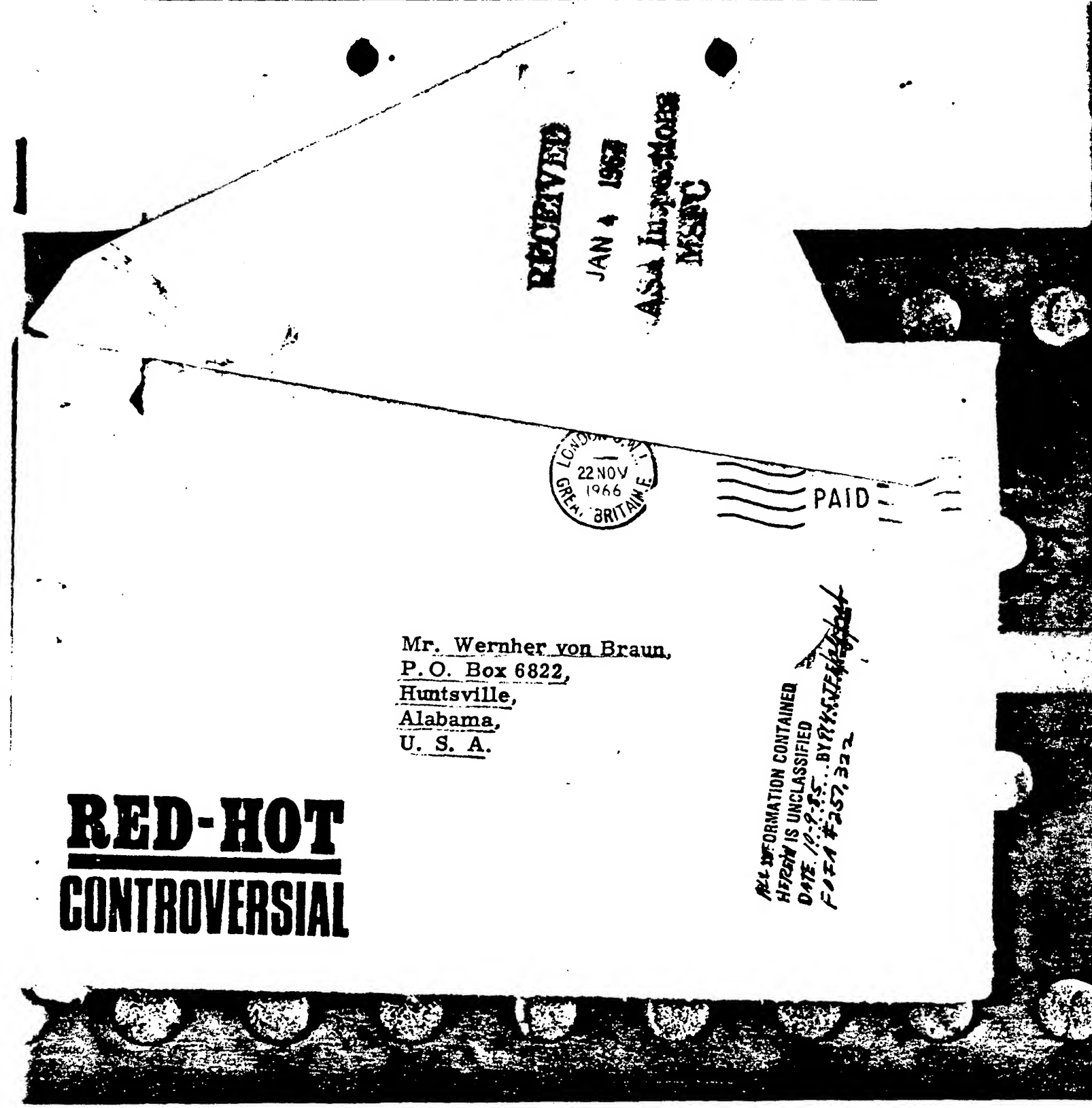
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# Oppenheimer 'Waste' Tragic, Says Von Braun

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Wernher Von Braun agreed yesterday it was tragic that the United States was not using the services of J. Robert Oppenheimer, the atomic physicist whose security clearance was withdrawn four years ago.

Von Braun, the "father of the Explorer satellite," spoke up in behalf of Oppenheimer, the "father of the A-bomb," in response to a congressman's question at a House hearing. He was called to give his ideas on education problems.

The German-born rocket expert, who commented that "people must have the courage to be eggheads," said the circumstances under which Oppenheimer was dismissed as a Government consultant had hurt the scientific community as a whole.

Later, he said the United States must emphasize quality rather than quantity in its educational programs if it wants to surpass Russia. "Let's face it," he said, "we are out numbered by the Communist world."

His comments on Oppenheimer came during an exchange with Rep. Frank Thompson Jr. (D-N. J.)

"Don't you think it is somewhat tragic that because of political considerations, the country has been deprived of the services of Dr. Oppenheimer?" Thompson asked.

"Very much so, very much so," von Braun replied. "Particularly the circumstances under which he was dismissed hurt the whole scientific community very badly."

"I agree," Thompson said. "I think it has been an outrage."

"Yes, the way the whole thing was handled," van Braun said.

He added that he was not in a position to comment on "security aspects," but: "I think the British would have knighted him."

Oppenheimer, who headed the World War II atomic bomb project, was found loyal, but labeled a security risk by a special panel of the Atomic Energy Commission in 1954. President Eisenhower indicated at a recent news conference that the case was closed as far as he was concerned.

Oppenheimer now is director of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, N. J.

Van Braun, who testified before two House Education subcommittees, called for Federal aid "for the support of an adequate educational system." But he said any legislation to bolster the school system would have "very little effect on the guided-missile and satellite programs for the next five years."

During that time, he said, "We have to work with what we have." But he said such help would produce a greater crop of scientists in 5 to 15 years.

Von Braun, who directed Germany's rocket program during World War II, suggested that the look into the "wasteful unemployment" of missile and radar experts during periods between defense contracts.

He estimated that 30 to 40 per cent of the experts are "more or less idling" during such time.

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# Eggheads, Take Heart

Any egghead has the sympathy of Dr. Wernher Von Braun, who holds that it takes a lot of "drive" and sheer courage to be one.

The "father" of the Explorer satellite said eggheads must have courage to be different.

"The greatest thinkers all over the world are single-minded and poorly adjusted socially," Dr. Von Braun told two House education subcommittees yesterday.

In a two-hour dissertation supporting Federal aid for an "adequate" educational system, the missile development director of the Army's Redstone Arsenal also touched on child discipline, genises and Dr. Robert Oppenheimer.

**OPPENHEIMER**

He said it was tragic that the nation is not using the brainpower of Dr. Oppenheimer, the atomic physicist whose security clearance was withdrawn four years ago.

An egghead also needs time for isolated concentration, he said. As for scientists, they will "never become great" without "drive," he added.

Dr. Von Braun said any legislation to bolster scientific and mathematics education will have long-range benefits, but will do "very little" to speed missile and satellite programs in the near future. For the next five years, he said, "we have to work with what we have."

**OTHER SUGGESTIONS**

As for schools, Dr. Von Braun had plenty of suggestions, including:

- High pay, [illegible] pro-fessional recognition and perhaps even prize competitions for teachers.
- More attention to bright students. He said a two-level educational system, with stiffer classes for bright pupils, might be the answer.

He said one problem is that some children develop very late.

"I flunked classes in math and physics when I was 12 or 13," he admitted.

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